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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3076-19, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Dr Christian Rowan MP, Member for Moggill on 30 April 2019 relating to extending the 444 bus service to the Moggill District Sports Park.

The existing route 444 is a high-frequency service which, if extended to terminate at Moggill District Sports Park (an additional 1.7 kilometres each direction), would significantly increase the operating costs of the service. The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has assessed the proposal and determined patronage demand does not justify the cost to extend route 444.

In addition to the increased operational costs, the extension to the route would require new infrastructure and facilities for drivers and vehicles to layover during driver break periods. New indented bus bays and a dedicated bus turn-around facility would also be required to ensure safe operations of services and equitable levels of access for customers of all abilities. I also acknowledge there is no pedestrian access to the park along Moggill Road. Despite Moggill Road being a state-controlled road, provision of this crossing would be the responsibility of the Brisbane City Council.

Given the predicted low patronage, the significant increase in operating costs and associated infrastructure costs, extending the 444 route to Moggill District Sports Park, even on a temporary basis, does not represent best use of taxpayers' money.

Petitioners should be assured that I have asked TMR to continue to monitor growth in the area and any increase in demand for services.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MARK BAILEY', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads